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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 4. This sheet, which includes Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1)

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 32-62 are pending in the application, of which claims 50-55 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-31 were previously canceled.

The language and length of the abstract has been objected to. Applicant has shortened and revised the language of the abstract.

The drawings have been objected to because Figures 1, 2B and 3 do not show from where the cross sectional views of these figures are taken. Applicant has amended FIG. 4 to show a section line from which the cross sectional views of FIGS. 1A, 2B and 3 have been taken. Applicant has also amended the Brief Description of the Drawings section of the specification to describe the noted section line with reference to FIGS. 1A, 2B and 3.

Claims 32-38, 42-49 and 56-62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Nichtennung (DE patent no. 40 21 011 A1). Applicant has amended claim 32 to recite "wherein due to the elastic configuration of the securing element, the securing element yields outwardly in the radial direction when fitting the cable drum into the housing such that the cable drum is rotatably mounted on the bearing point." Applicant believes that Nichtennung does not disclose the noted limitations of claim 32.

Applicant is submitting herewith a translation of the detailed description of Nichtennung (col. 2, lines 1-38). Referring to the noted translation and FIG. 1, Nichtennung discloses that the lug 12 is punched out from the base 2 and is bent such that it encompasses the cable drum. Nichtennung does not disclose that the lug 12 is elastic. Accordingly, Nichtennung does not disclose that the lug 12 yields outwardly in the radial direction when fitting the cable drum 1 into the base 2 such that the cable drum is rotatably mounted on the drive shaft 5.

Because Nichtennung does not disclose "wherein due to the elastic configuration of the securing element, the securing element yields outwardly in the radial direction when fitting the cable drum into the housing such that the cable drum is rotatably mounted on the bearing point," Applicant believes that claims 32-38, 42-49 and 56-62 are patentable over Nichtennung.

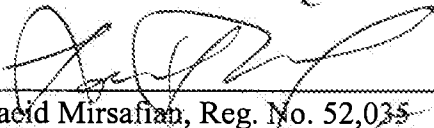
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Claims 39-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claim 39 in independent form. Therefore, claims 39-41 are now allowable.

Based on the above, Applicant believes that claims 32-49 and 56-62 are in condition for allowance.

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